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President's press conference, San Diego
Excerpt dealing with Warren Commission Report:

Q -- Mr. President, In light of current concerns regarding the Assassination of President Kennedy, and recent showings of the Zapruder films, do you still have ~~this~~ the same confidence in the findings of the Warren Commission that you had as a member of that commission ?

President Ford:-- I think you have to read very carefully what the Warren Commission said, and I, as a member of the Warren Commission, helped participate in the drafting of the language. We said that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin. The said that the commission had found no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic. Those words were very carefully drafted. And so far I have seen no evidence that would dispute the conclusions to which we came. We were most careful because in 1963 and '64, when we most carefully analyzed all the evidence ~~that was available~~, there was none of the involvement of anybody, or anybody as a group, in the assassination. It's my understanding that the Rockefeller Commission may, if the facts seem to justify it, take a look at it, at the problem,** and I suspect that the House and Senate committees that are currently investigating the CIA history may do the same. But the Commission was right when it made its determination, and it was right,* at least to this point, and I want to re-emphasize that as to the evidence that we saw. (end exceprt)

[Question was put by Jerry Zullo, KPCS (?), San Diego.]

* NYTimes transcribes this as "accurate." "And it was accurate, at least to this point ...."
Transcript as carried by NYTimes filed ~~xxxxxxx~~ Ford Ad, 4 Apr 75, p. 12; Question 16.

** NYT: " ... take a look at it - the problems - and I suspect .... "